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September 10, 1987

Honorable Ross Swimmer  
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs  
Department of Interior  
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20245

Dear Mr. Swimmer:

As you know, the Pueblo of Laguna is proceeding with the Reclamation Project at the Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine. The project is generating an excellent response from potential contractors and the Pueblo is excited about the commencement of the first phase.

As the Pueblo was seeking to fill critical positions, it came to our attention that Richard Wilson, Deputy State Director for the Bureau of Land Management in New Mexico was interested in assisting the Pueblo under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act. The council at the Pueblo of Laguna has reviewed Mr. Wilson's resume. Dick would bring to the Pueblo of Laguna, on an interim basis, a measure of technical and administrative expertise which would be very difficult for the Pueblo to find elsewhere.

The Pueblo's primary concern is that during the start-up phase there is the necessary coordination between the technical assistance contractor which will prepare the specifications and engineering designs, and the Pueblo. Dick would also be extremely helpful to the Pueblo in organizing the "truck load" of materials relating to the mine which will be received from the Anaconda Company.

It has been suggested that Dick could also assist the BIA during the term of the IPA in its minerals shop at the Denver Tech Center. The Pueblo Council was advised of the BIA's request and had no problem with Mr. Wilson spending approximately 25 % of his time assisting the Bureau in that task.

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The Pueblo of Laguna respectfully requests your assistance in securing IPA status for Dick Wilson so that we can use his services during this very critical phase of the Reclamation Project. I want to thank you again for your cooperation and your confidence in the Pueblo of Laguna's ability to perform this very important task. Your prompt attention to our request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

  
Chester T. Fernando  
Governor

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Mr. David A. Lester  
Executive Director  
Council of Energy Resource Tribes  
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Suite 400  
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Dear David:

As you are aware, the Pueblo of Laguna is embarking on a reclamation program at the Jackpile-Paguete open-pit uranium mine. The deadline for submittal of the proposals for the technical assistance contract is September 30th. The Pueblo is seeking to identify expertise who would be helpful in evaluating those proposals and assisting in making recommendations to the Pueblo Council.


Our discussions with Dr. Ahmed Kooros have led to the identification of a staff member at CERT who might be helpful in this regard.

Would you please consider providing the services of Mr. John Hutchins to the Pueblo of the evaluation of the technical assistance contract proposals. I am enclosing a copy of the request for proposal which identifies the nature of the technical proposal evaluation committee. Mr. Hutchins would be providing his expertise on behalf of the Pueblo of Laguna.

If you have any questions please contact either me or our attorney Lester K. Taylor at (505) 243-4275.

Very truly yours,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

  
Chester T. Fernando  
Governor

Enclosure

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